

RA OR DRA MEETING REQUEST FORM

THE RA AND DRA REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLETE THE ENTIRE FORM BELOW WITH AS MUCH DETAIL AS POSSIBLE. SUBMIT THIS FORM TO YOUR OFFICE DIRECTOR OR ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR. ONCE APPROVED EMAIL IT TO THE RA'S OFFICE AT [[HYPERLINK "MAILTO:R10-ORA@EPA.GOV" \]](mailto:R10-ORA@EPA.GOV)]

- **Meeting Topic(s)/Title of Meeting or Event:** Donlin Gold Project Draft EIS - NEPA Review Comments and Rating, and Clean Water Act Section 404(q) Elevation
- **Program Office:** Ecosystems, Tribal and Public Affairs (ETPA) – Environmental Review and Sediment Management Unit (ERASMU) and Aquatic Resources Unit (ARU)
- **Urgency/Priority (high, medium, low):** High
- **Purpose of the meeting (informational, decisional, pre-briefing for external meeting, etc):** Decisional
- **If the meeting will involve external participants, what will the RA/DRA's role be in the event (site visit, presenter, site tour, listening session, etc):** No external participants
- **Brief background information/details:** The Draft EIS for the Donlin Gold Project evaluates the impacts associated with an open pit hard rock gold mine, transportation infrastructure, and a natural gas pipeline. The proposed project may result in substantial impacts to wetlands and aquatic resources, subsistence activities, EJ communities, and potential exposure to contaminants. The Corps of Engineers issued a Public Notice under the CWA Section 404 concurrent with the Notice of Availability of the DEIS. There is insufficient information in the DEIS to evaluate the wetland impacts and compensatory mitigation under the CWA Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines. At this time, the Corps has not provided the EPA with any assurances that a revise PN would be issued concurrent with the Final EIS. Therefore, under the EPA/Corps CWA Section 404(q) Memorandum of Agreement, the Regional Administrator may have to notify the District Engineer that the proposed Donlin Gold Project may result in substantial and unacceptable impacts to aquatic resources of national importance.
- **Location and/or suggested travel plans if offsite:** On-site, RA's Office.
- **When would you like to have this meeting? Please indicate if there are any deadlines** Written comments on the Corps of Engineers DEIS and PN are due April 30, 2016. Preferred meeting date is April 21.
- **Suggested length of meeting (typically briefings only last 45 minutes):** 45 to 60 minutes
- **Required Attendees (we will need a list of principal external participants before the meeting/event):**

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- **Optional Attendees:** Team members to be determined
- **Equipment needed (VTC, phone line, thin client, PowerPoint, etc):** Phone line, PowerPoint
- **Superfund Site Charging:**